

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of sixty-five wondrous decades has passed since Les Wilson lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Norma Harkrider, during a solemn ceremony on January 9, 1943, in Appleton City, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Les and Norma Wilson have had the pleasure of raising two children, Ronald Wilson of Georgia and Denine, who is an angel in heaven, and the privilege of spoiling six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Les Wilson has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being among the first group of eighteen-year-olds drafted into World War II on January 12, 1943, a member of the United States Army Reserves, and an employee of the Internal Revenue Service who retired from government service following forty-one years of service; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Norma Wilson has further distinguished herself as a retired thirty-one-year employee of Colgate-Palmolive; and

Whereas, Les and Norma Wilson derive a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through their affiliation with the First Baptist Church of Raytown, a place of worship that has special meaning to them as cherished members and volunteers; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Lee's Summit commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Sixty-fifth Wedding Anniversary on January 9, 2008:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Les and Norma Wilson and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Les Wilson.

Offered by _____
Representative Jeff Grisamore
District No. 47

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker